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Division of Environmental Quality
Division of Geology and Land Survey
Division of Management Services
Division of Parks, Recreation,
and Historic Preservation

Mr. Kenneth A. Bear, Plant Manager
Aaron's Automotive Products
2600 N. Westgate
Springfield, MO 65803

Dear Mr. Bear:

This office recently received a complaint regarding the drum storage area operated by Aaron's Automotive Products (Wehrco) at 2821 West Chestnut in Springfield, Missouri. The complainant indicated that drums of transmission fluid were stored at the site and that there was considerable spillage of the fluid.

On December 14, 1988, I visited the site and observed numerous drums, many of which were labeled as waste material. It was also noted that several of the drums were damaged or bulging, some had tipped over, and there had been spillage of the oil onto the ground.

As you are aware, waste oil, including transmission fluid, is a hazardous waste in Missouri and must be handled as such. Although the restrictions on storage are somewhat less stringent than those for other hazardous wastes, the waste oil must still be properly stored so as not to pose a threat to the environment. The manner in which the drums of material are presently stored at the site appears to present a good possibility of soil contamination and runoff of the oil into nearby waterways.

Please advise this office within two weeks of the date of this letter, of the steps you have taken or will be taking to improve the storage of these materials and reduce the threat of harmful effects to the environment. Proper storage, recontainerization of the materials in the damaged or bulging drums, and labeling of the drums should be completed by January 15, 1989.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please advise.

Sincerely,

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL OFFICE

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles L. Kroeger".

Charles L. Kroeger
Environmental Specialist

cc: Springfield Sanitary Services

2821 W. CHESTNUT